ning to Pakistan to desist from aiding Kashmiri terrorists, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government have taken up the issue of Pak Aid to terrorists in Jammu and Kashmir and Punjab with the Government of Pakistan; and

(c) if so, the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA): (a) Government have noted the reports about the contents of a letter written by the U.S. Ambassador in Pakistan to the so called President of Pakistan occupied Kashmir, Sardar Abdul Qayuum.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The Pakistan Government maintains that it is not providing any physical and material aid to terrorists.

**National Highways passing through Bihar**

798 SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state·

(a) whether Government have formulated any proposal to improve the condition of national highways passing through Bihar;

(b) if so, the details of the highways identified, and

(c) the amount of money proposed to be spent by Government thereon during the next year?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI MANUBHAI KOTADIA): (a) Improvement of National Highways is a continuous process and works are taken up in a phased manner through Annual Plans

(b) The selected sections of National Highway numbers 2, 23, 28, 28A, 30, 31, 32 & 33 passing through Bihar have been included in the 1990-91 Annual Plan for improvement.

(c) The amount of money to be spent next year on National Highways in Bihar would depend on the overall allocations in the next year's budget

**Applications pending for telephone connections in Bihar**

799 SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state·

(a) what is the number of applicants waiting for telephone connections in Bihar, and

(b) the time by when they will be provided with phones?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JAI PARKASH) (a) 18335.

(b) The objectives of the Eighth Plan is to provide telephone on demand in exchanges of capacities below 5000 lines and to contain waiting list to one year in exchanges having a capacity of 5000 lines and above by the end of the Eighth Plan on the basis of present demand projections With these objectives, expansion plans are drawn for clearing the present waiting list progressively during the Eighth Plan period.

**Myanmar Government in exile**

800 SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state

(a) whether Government are aware that a Myanmar Government in-exile has been formed by the recently-elected Members of Parliament against the Army Junta; and

(b) if so, what is the response of Government in respect of supporting the democratic process and human rights in that country?